1	2	3	4	5	6	7
23.	Tripura	75.59	73.32	70.26	68.24	68.24
24.	Uttar Pradesh	38.11	52.45	53.11	53.01	53.01
25.	West Bengal	69.08	69.08	74.20	70.88	70.88
26.	A&N Islands	27.52	19.80	25.61	33.37	33.37
27.	Chandigarh	-15.50	12.52	1.40	-3.88	-3.88
28.	D & N Haveli	63.59	58.60	59.79	57.04	57.04
29.	Daman & Diu	12.61	11.77	-0.17	3.06	3.06
30.	Delhi	17.50	14.35	14.49	15.23	15.23
31.	Lakshadweep	17.03	26.93	21.86	24.92	24.92
32.	Pondicherry	5.03	9.69	-2.08	0.29	0.29

(b) and (c) Government have adopted various strategies to address the problem of drop-outs. These include a focus on quality improvement and adoption of child centred pedagogy, better school environment including more buildings and classrooms, provision of free textbooks to girls and SC/ST students, mid-day meal programme, alternative and innovative education such as bridge courses, remedial teaching and back to school camps, involving the community in bringing children back to school and ensuring their retention.

Eathquake devastated educational institutions in Kutch

1407. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of educational institutions, including Primary/ Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools, Arts, Commerce, Science and Engineering Colleges, ITI's polytechnics, etc. were destroyed in devastating earthquake in Kutch district in January last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of cases where the repair/reconstruction work has been completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) As per the information available in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the

number of schools/colleges/institutions damaged in the earthquake in Kutch district of Gujarat in January, 2001 are as under:

1. Primary Schools	1359
2. Secondary/Higher Schools	
(a) Govt. Schools	38
(b) Non-Govt. Schools	18
3. Colleges/Institutions in Bhuj	7
4. Technical Institutions	
(a) Govt. Engineering College, Bhuj	1
(b) Govt. Polytechnic, Bhuj	1

The Ministry released an assistance of Rs. 110.33 crores in this regard to the State of Gujarat by 31.3.2001, details of which are as follows:—

(Rs. in crore)

1. Gujarat Schools Reconstruction Programme	50.00
2. University Grants Commission (UGC)	50.60
3. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)	5.45
4. Education Guarantee Scheme & Alternative and Innovative Education (EGS&AIE)	3.78
5. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan—SSA (Preparatory Activities)	0.50
TOTAL:	110.33

Out of the Rs. 50.00 crore released under the Gujarat School Reconstruction Programme, the Government of Gujarat have utilized Rs. 28.74 crore till 31.12.2001 for repair/reconstruction work. Also, out of the four colleges in Kutch District to which the UGC released Special Assistance for Earthquake, repair/reconstruction work has been completed in two colleges.

UGC norms for promotion of Senior Scale Lecturers

1408. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the conditions for promotion of Senior Scale Lecturers to Selection Grade/Reader, as per Carrier Advancement Scheme of UGC;